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To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

**4 WEEKS LEFT BEFORE THE PROGRAM YEAR 2014 MAPIR APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**April 27, 2015** marks the end of the grace period for both Eligible Hospitals and Eligible Professionals to submit applications for Program Year 2014 for the Vermont Medicaid EHRIP. Many participants have already discovered the advantage of **not waiting until the final days of the Grace Period to start their applications!** MAPIR 5.5 has a few additional technical complexities due to the Flexibility options. It may require take manual intervention and extra time to resolve these issues. Start your application as soon as possible to ensure you are able to proceed past the initial hurdles of correct NPI, TIN and Payee information, and that you are correctly sorted into the proper MU Stage. The EHRIP Team is standing by to assist with all issues and questions so that providers can successfully meet the deadline for Program Year 2014 .

**Countdown: 28 Days!**

**All Program Year 2014 applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Monday 4/27/2015.**

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**MEDICARE-TO-MEDICAID or STATE-TO-STATE PROGRAM SWITCH MANUAL SETTING**

As mentioned above, an example of the technical assistance required to successfully start a Program Year 2014 attestation in MAPIR are those providers who have a history of switching from the Medicare EHRIP OR those who have switched from Medicaid EHRIP participation from another state. The following message appears when starting an application in MAPIR:

*"This provider has accomplished a switch from another state's EHR Incentive Program OR a switch from the Medicare EHR Incentive Program. The Vermont Medicaid EHRIP must confirm and set the appropriate stage and MU Selection Phase in MAPIR before you are able to proceed. Please contact the VT EHRIP Team at [ehrip-support@vitl.net](mailto:ehrip-support@vitl.net)"*

The EHRIP Team will endeavor to make this manual setting within a day of receiving the request, but it is important to ensure this request is not left to the last day of the Program Year 2014 grace period!

**PATIENT VOLUME REPORTING PERIOD OPTIONS**

The EHRIP Teams receives many questions around selecting the right 90-day Patient Volume time period for the two options available:

Calendar Year Preceding Payment Year  
or  
12 Months Preceding Attestation Date

1. Calendar Year Preceding Payment Year

Using **Program Year 2014** as an example, when selecting the option “Calendar Year Preceding Payment Year,” you will be able to put in a Start Date from any date in **Calendar Year 2013**, as long as the end date of the 90-day period is also contained within Calendar Year 2013. In the example below, the start date of 10/03/2013 was entered:

**Patient Volume 90 Day Period (Part 2 of 3)**


The continuous 90 day volume reporting period may be from either the calendar year preceding the payment year or the 12 months before the attestation date. Select either previous calendar year or previous 12 months, then enter the **Start Date** of your continuous 90 day period.

When ready click the **Save & Continue** button to review your selection, or click **Previous** to go back. Click **Reset** to restore this panel to the starting point.

(\*) Red asterisk indicates a required field.

\*Please select one of the following two options.

☒ Calendar Year Preceding Payment Year    ☐ 12 Months Preceding Attestation Date

\* **Start Date:** 10/03/2013   
mm/dd/yyyy

Please Note: The dates you have selected above may be invalid if you attempt to submit your application at a later date. If you receive an error message, you will need to change the 90-day patient volume date range and corresponding data. MAPIR will not allow the application to proceed until the date range meets the requirements.

**Previous**    **Reset**    **Save & Continue**

Upon clicking “Save and Continue” MAPIR calculates the correct 90-day period and automatically fills in the end date: 12/31/2013.

**Patient Volume 90 Day Period (Part 2 of 3)**

Please review the **Start Date** and **End Date** of your selected continuous 90 day period for patient volume.

When ready click the **Save & Continue** button to continue, or click **Previous** to go back.

**Start Date:** Oct 03, 2013  
**End Date:** Dec 31, 2013

**Previous**    **Save & Continue**

However, if you enter a start date that violates the rules of your 90-day Patient Volume period option, an error message will appear: **\* The date that you have specified is invalid.** You will not be able to proceed with your application. In the example below, the start date entered is 10/04/2013. It is invalid because the end date of the 90-day period would be 01/01/2014, which is NOT in Calendar Year 2013.

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When ready click the **Save & Continue** button to review your selection, or click **Previous** to go back. Click **Reset** to restore this panel to the starting point.

(\*) Red asterisk indicates a required field.

\*Please select one of the following two options.

☒ Calendar Year Preceding Payment Year    ☐ 12 Months Preceding Attestation Date

\* **Start Date:** 10/04/2013   
mm/dd/yyyy

Please Note: The dates you have selected above may be invalid if you attempt to submit your application at a later date. If you receive an error message, you will need to change the 90-day patient volume date range and corresponding data. MAPIR will not allow the application to proceed until the date range meets the requirements.

• The date that you have specified is invalid.

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## 2. 12 Months Preceding Attestation Date

In the example for the option to submit a 90-day period from the “12 Months Preceding Attestation Date” option, pretend we are submitting the attestation on 04/02/2015:

The earliest date you can choose for the 90-day Patient Volume period is **04/02/2014**. Here are the screenshots from MAPIR showing the start date and automatically calculated end date of the Patient Volume period:

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When ready click the **Save & Continue** button to review your selection, or click **Previous** to go back. Click **Reset** to restore this panel to the starting point.

(\*) Red asterisk indicates a required field.

\*Please select one of the following two options.

☐ Calendar Year Preceding Payment Year    ☒ 12 Months Preceding Attestation Date

\* **Start Date:** 04/02/2014   
mm/dd/yyyy

Please Note: The dates you have selected above may be invalid if you attempt to submit your application at a later date. If you receive an error message, you will need to change the 90-day patient volume date range and corresponding data. MAPIR will not allow the application to proceed until the date range meets the requirements.

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**Patient Volume 90 Day Period (Part 2 of 3)**

Please review the **Start Date** and **End Date** of your selected continuous 90 day period for patient volume.

When ready click the **Save & Continue** button to continue, or click **Previous** to go back.

**Start Date:** Apr 02, 2014  
**End Date:** Jun 30, 2014

Please note: The dates you have selected above may be invalid if you attempt to submit your application at a later date. If you receive an error message, you will need to change the 90-day patient volume date range and corresponding data. MAPIR will not allow the application to proceed until the date range meets the requirements.

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When using 04/02/2015 as the **submit** date (red circle),

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the dates highlighted in blue illustrate the EARLIEST start date and time period you can use for the 90-day Patient Volume time period:

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If you are delayed, and are unable to submit your attestation until **04/03/2015**, the Patient Volume time period will no longer be valid, and you will receive the error message: **\* The date that you have specified is invalid.**

Stepping forward one day on the submit date, means the EARLIEST start date for your Patient Volume period also moves forward by one day, to keep within the “12 months Preceding Attestation Date” definition. The submit date is **04/03/2015**, so the earliest time period for the 90-day Patient Volume period is now 04/03/2014 – 07/01/2014:

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When using the “12 months Preceding Attestation Date” option for the 90-day Patient Volume time period, the start date may expire before you submit your attestation. This is why MAPIR has a warning: **“Please note: the dates you have selected above may be invalid if you attempt to submit your application at a later date.”**

If you receive an error message regarding your Patient Volume time period, and you are unable to resolve the correct start and end dates, do not hesitate to contact the EHRIP Team for assistance in aligning your information.

### RELEASE OF MU STAGE 3 PROPOSED RULES

On March 20, 2015 the proposed rule for [Stage 3](#) of the Medicare and Medicare Electronic Health Record Incentive Programs went on display. It will be published in the Federal Register on March 30, 2015. The comment period will close on May 29, 2015. The rule gives more flexibility and simplifies requirements for providers by focusing on advanced use

of electronic health records and eliminating requirements that are no longer relevant. More information will be included in upcoming VT Medicaid EHRIP email communications.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the VT Medicaid EHRIP Team at [ehrip-support@vitl.net](mailto:ehrip-support@vitl.net).

Thank you,  
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